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1. Reports regarding the misery of the Albanian people resulting from the severe economic crisis affecting the country, were confirmed by the informant, who also reported that, because of the wide-spread shortage of food, a heavy tax has been imposed on the producers. These pay a tax in kind on each stremma (about one-fourth acre) of land as follows:

- a. 52 kilograms of maize
  - b. 9 kilograms of beans
  - c. 9 eggs
  - d. 1 kilogram of butter
  - e. 6 kilograms of meat
  - f. 1 kilogram of wool

In addition, producers are required to pay a tax in money of 200 leks for each stremma, and 150 leks for each fruit tree. Whenever the producers are unable to meet these demands of the State, which is usually the case, then the State sets other amounts in kind to fulfill the entire amount of the tax.

2. The heavy taxation in food products assures the necessary amounts of food for the Army and for the government employees; it also keeps the people in a state of constant misery so that they cannot move against the regime. Thus both the Army and the Party members live very well at the expense of the people.
  3. Informant reported that he did not see any armed Greek guerrillas in the region of Konispol, or any wounded moving either from Albania towards Greece, or in the opposite direction.

[REDACTED] informant [REDACTED] saw in the Valijas 25X1X  
Camp near Tirana about 500 Greek guerrillas who were working on the road  
from Shijak to Valijas.

5. The families abducted from Greece by the guerrillas have reportedly been taken to northern Albania and placed in camps at Durres, Shijak, Shkoder, Elbasan, and elsewhere.

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6. Informant confirmed the fact that some months ago the Chams had been recruited by the Albanian Government, but he added that this recruitment was not of wide extent.
7. Informant stated that, with the exception of the fortifications constructed along the Albanian-Greek border in 1947-1948, there have not been any new fortifications.
8. According to informant, there are guard-posts in Kataeto (sic), Mandila (sic), Shkumbi, Pagania (Pajanja ?), safe Botai (sic). Each of these posts has a strength of 12 men, but informant does not know what weapons they have. With the exception of the border guard-posts, there is no military force in the Konispol area.

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